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Scott Mile races draws eye to Santee, but at what cost?

by Greg Eichelberger
and Ninette Sosa

Hundreds of onlookers and participants braved the early morning Santee chill and intermittent drizzle on Jan. 12 to be a part of the fourth annual Steve Scott Festival of Races, and to see former Olympic record-holder, Mary Decker Slaney (best known for her collision and collapse against the bare-footed South African, Zola Budd in the '84 L.A. Olympic Games) emerge victorious in the women's invitational one mile run.

Slaney's time of 4:28 (four seconds ahead of Atlanta Olympian, Suzy Hamilton, of Madison, Wisconsin) was just one second off the women's course record.

As for the precipitation, being from Eugene, Oregon, she was used to it. "Just like home," joked Slaney, who was clearly the marquee name of this competition.

On the men's side, Provo, Utah's Jason Pyrah, last year's champion, lagged behind for three-quarters of a mile, turned on the juice in the home stretch and nipped 1994 titlist, Edgar de Oliveira of Brazil, by one tick of the stopwatch to retain the crown. "I knew if I stayed close, I could be a factor," he said.

In the Men's Master Mile, ages 40 - 44, race founder, Steve Scott of Leucadia, though severely challenged by Dan Aldridge and Steve Gallagher, once again came in first in this event that carries his moniker.

"I had a great run," he panted. "The weather was fine and I felt good."

The day began dry and cool with a 5K run/walk, in which over 100 trotters, young and old, participated, but as the more experienced hoofers took to the mid-Santee cobblestone later in the morning, the darkening clouds burst forth with moisture that had the streets slick and treacherous.

However, there was nary a stumble and the day concluded successfully. "It was a beautiful day for a race," boomed Mayor Jack Dale over the jerry-rigged loudspeaker.

In fact, his honor even donned his running shorts to join in the festivities with the over-40 crowd, and earning the "huzzahs" from his constituency.

But the results are only part of the story. Some in Santee wonder if the city's \$30,000 subsidy could go to better purposes.

"It's true that \$3,000 of the

race proceeds go to West Hills and Santana cross-country programs," said a source who asked to remain anonymous. "But we could have given each school \$15,000, and still had some left over for what we spent here. To many people, it's a big waste, and it doesn't do Santee any good."

Past Chamber of Commerce President Warren Savage has never attended one of the races, but said he wishes the city and chamber would work closer together on it.

"Some people feel it puts us on the map," he said. "But I'd like to see more residents gain from this in the future."

The city of Santee's isn't the only benefactor of the race. Jimmy's Family Restaurant contributed \$5,000 (as well as a pre-race party room and autograph signing session), developer Burnham-Pacific paid \$2,000 and Cox Cable \$5,000.

Others traded out goods and services for advertising, including Power Bar health snacks, ASIC's footwear, Reno Air, Carlton Oaks Country Club (providing complimentary lodging and a free meal to some of the runners, worth approximately \$1,500), Cox Cable (200 spots worth \$10,000), KSON radio (105 spots worth an estimated \$35,000), and Price-Costco, which provided parking.

The \$42,000 in cash contributions, along with a \$16 per person entry fee (around \$20,000), adds up.



Even at age 38, Mary Decker Slaney showed she still may be one of the USA's best runners by winning the mile at the Steve Scott Festival of Races.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

So, with a winner's purse of \$15,000, and \$3,000 going to the two local schools, the question arises: where does the rest of the money go?

Answer: North County's

Elite Racing, who was rather mum on the subject.

"We get whatever's left over, and it isn't much," claimed Ken Schulte, one of the firm's public relations consultants,

after last year's event. "We have a \$15,000 purse to attract top runners, we give away over 114 plaques, initiate a direct-mail program, T-shirts, marketing and everything else."

The money trail doesn't bother Santana cross-country coach Dave Harper, who has been a runner for over 30 years, and saw his daughter, Jaymie, win the women's 5K.

"I don't know exactly how much is left. But it doesn't matter to some," said Dave Harper, Santana's cross-country coach. "The funds have helped us attend invitationals and provided new uniforms. Plus, it's great to see world-class competition here."

Paul Finkel, whose son runs cross-country for the Sultans, said, "Track and cross-country are sports which usually don't get that much attention or money, and when they do, it's a good thing."

Most Santee City Council members surveyed said that just getting the name of Santee out to wary San Diegans looking to escape downtown and mid-urban problems, is well worth the money and effort expended on this festival.

But, if the news coverage on KFMB-TV (Channel 8) Sunday evening, was any indication, there wasn't much bang for the buck. The winners were announced, but neither Steve Scott nor Santee itself were not mentioned in the short broadcast that reported the results.

AYSO all-star playoffs underway at Grossmont

by Marv Rosen

Throughout East County, and indeed, all over the nation, American Youth Soccer (AYSO) teams are participating in season-ending tournaments. The local regional playoffs for team championships have just concluded and the all stars will be underway this weekend for Division 5 boys at the Grossmont High School soccer fields, next to Harry Griffin Park.

One of the coaches, Rob Wojtach, for a Santee regional team (Cyclones), became quite poetic in his description of one of the practices for his team. The other Santee teams are the Scorpions and Badgers.

"The morning air is cool, and the ground is still wet from last night's rain," he said. "The sun is just arriving on the green fields of Santee and the quiet of the morning is stirred by the sound of moving earth and rushing wind."

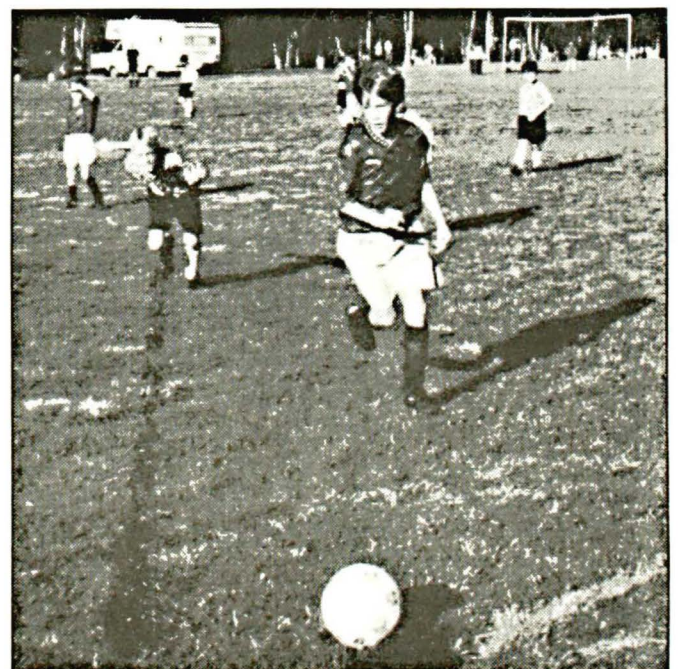
He continued by stating that this was no ordinary event - no yellow machines moving dirt - just a very exciting happening - Santee Div. 5 boys all stars practicing hard, scrimmaging, thinking fast and constantly moving and growing toward that first Saturday game.

At this level, the kids are exciting to watch as they display youthful exuberance as they represent their respective communities.

All of this is concurrently happening throughout the county for boys and girls of various age levels.

When the youngsters take the field on Saturday, they will be providing spirit for their communities.

It is an entertaining way to spend a Saturday (and the following Saturday), and anyone who wishes to attend is invited to enjoy their efforts to win and be the representatives to the next level, the sectionals.



During Saturday's action in area playoffs for regional champions and runners-up, the La Mesa Pythons topped the Santee Blue USA, 4-1.

Photo by Mike Krawczak

Lemon Grove Sheriff's Log

Nov. 13-15, 1996

8100 blk. Alton Dr. Residential burglary. \$7,400 value.

Dec. 18, 1996

8300 blk. Golden Ave. Auto theft. \$500 value.

Dec. 21, 1996-Jan. 8, 1997

2100 blk. El Prado Ave. Petty theft. \$15 value.

Dec. 30-31, 1997

3200 blk. College Pl. Petty theft. \$162 value.

Dec. 31, 1996 - Jan. 2, 1997

2300 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Commercial burglary. Value unknown.

Jan. 1-2, 1997

3200 blk. Olive St. Vehicle burglary. \$460 value.

Jan. 3, 1997

6800 blk. Federal Blvd. Auto theft. \$8,046 value.

1800 blk. Main St. Strong-arm robbery. Value unknown.

Jan. 4, 1997

7000 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. Value unknown.

7800 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary.

8000 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$30 value.

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Petty theft. \$29 value.

Jan. 5-6, 1997

2100 blk. El Prado. Residential burglary. \$260 value.

Jan. 6, 1997

2300 blk. Sherwood Dr. Auto theft. \$1,000 value.

Jan. 7, 1997

1300 blk. Glencoe Dr. Vehicle burglary. \$200 value.

Jan. 9, 1997

3300 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Strong-arm robbery. \$30 value.

1400 blk. El Prado Ave. Residential burglary. \$3,685 value.

Jan. 9-10, 1997

2400 blk. McKnight Dr. Grand theft. \$1,300 value.

Jan. 11, 1997

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Petty theft. \$40 value.

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Community Notes

Braille Institute provides help to blind

Braille Institute's Community Outreach program offers assistance for the first time close to home for people who are visually impaired at the Mesa Valley Grove Senior Program/Lemon Grove Senior Center. Classes are held Mondays, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The Community Outreach program provides free sessions in daily living and home management skills, including closet and kitchen organization, grooming, money identification, shopping and handwriting. Information about Braille Institute Library Services, visual aids and community resources also is provided.

Braille Institute is a private, nonprofit organization providing free programs and services for Southern California residents who are blind or visually impaired. Because of generous donors who support the Institute through private gifts, foundation grants and bequests, thousands of people each year are able to maintain their independence after sight loss.

Anyone who is totally blind or visually impaired is encouraged to attend. The Mesa Valley Grove Senior Program/Lemon Grove Senior Center is located at 8235 Mt. Vernon St. For information, contact Linda Murray at 452-1111.

Volunteers sought to have fun at senior ball

Mesa Valley Grove Senior Programs is planning its Fourth Annual Mardi Gras Ball and needs help. This is the major fund raising event for the organization which provides services to seniors in La Mesa, Lemon Grove and Spring Valley. "A Night of Magic" is the theme for this year's Mardi Gras which will be held Feb. 21.

The costume ball will provide a full evening of entertainment including food, dancing, entertainment, prizes, casino tables and an auction. If you are willing to help organize this event, contact Pam Watt at 460-0430.

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at 10:00 A.M. at the South entrance to the County Courthouse, 220 West Broadway, San Diego, California at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be 8186-G Lemon Grove Way, Lemon Grove, CA 91945. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$114,091.59. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation, 400 Countrywide Way, Suite 408, Simi Valley, CA 93065, Phone: (805) 678-6386 ext. 2686, Sale Information (916) 387-0236, By: Danette Mathias, Trustee's Sale Officer, Dated: 09/01/96 ASP240930 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

1996-0480333 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 02/04/1997 at the South entrance to the County Courthouse, 220 West Broadway, San Diego, CA at 10:00 A.M. at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described. As more fully described on said Deed of Trust, The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be 2141 Rebecca Way Lemon Grove, CA 91945. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$179,004.34. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Serrano Reconveyance Company, as said Trustee, 4900 Rivergrade Road, Suite 2870 Irwindale, CA 91706 (818) 856-4858 (800) 227-1849 (California Only) By: Donna Carles, Assistant Secretary, Dated: 01/06/1997 ASP240930 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

the United States) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state hereinafter described. As more fully described on said Deed of Trust, The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be 3088 CYPRESS STREET LEMON GROVE, CA 92045. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$77,211.74. In addition to cash, the trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the note secured by said deed with interest thereon as provided in said note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said deed of trust dated 01/07/1997 Serrano Reconveyance Company, as said Trustee, 4900 Rivergrade Road, Suite 2870 Irwindale, CA 91706 (818) 856-4858 (800) 227-1849 (California Only) By: RAYMOND ZUBIATE Assistant Secretary P88232 1/14 1/21 1/28/97

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT CASIANO EATON CASE NO. P169268

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ROBERT CASIANO EATON, ROBERT C. EATON, R.C. EATON AND BOB EATON

A PETITION has been filed by PHYLLIS E. CADE in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego.

THE PETITION requests that PHYLLIS E. CADE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 10, 1997 at 1:45 P.M. in Dept. 35 located at 220 W. Broadway San Diego CA 92101-1946.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with

the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate

assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner In Pro Per:
Phyllis E. Cade
5417 Mira Ct.
Bonita CA 91902-2709
01/21, 01/23, 01/28

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 96-51999 Title Order No. 8901406 Reference No. 975465 APN No. 577-735-05-00 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/14/94. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On February 11, 1997, at 10:00 A.M., Professional Foreclosure Services Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 03/31/94 as Document No. 1994-0213037 Book - Page - of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of SAN DIEGO County, California, executed by: MICHAEL W. SLAVINSKY and MARIA L. SLAVINSKY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, FLEET MORTGAGE CORP., as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. At: AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 220 WEST BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA., all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: Lot 71 of Blossom Hill, in the City of Lemon Grove, County of San Diego, State of California. According to Map Thereof No. 7607, Filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, April 20, 1973. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2121 CAMINO DE LAS PALMAS, LEMON GROVE, CA 91945. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$171,510.11. Estimated. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Professional Foreclosure Services Corporation as Trustee, 5 Hutton Centre Drive, Suite 1050, Santa Ana, CA 92707, Telephone Number: (714) 432-9000, By: STEPHANIE S. BUSH, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER, Date: 01/10/97 NPP0024483 PUB: 01/21/97, 01/28/97, 02/04/97

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 96-04216 Loan No. 6385007 Title Order No. 6950695 Investor/Insurer No. 044-3072062731 APN No. 475-460-30-11 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/13/92, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Geraldine Butler, an unmarried woman, dated 01/13/92 and recorded 01/22/92, as Instrument No. 920032721, in Book - Page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, State of California, will sell on 02/04/97

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Loan: 447875 Other: 6963550 File: 447875A A.P. Number: 480-264-20-00 Notice of Trustee's Sale under Deed of Trust You are in default under a Deed of Trust, dated December 22, 1981, unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. Notice is hereby given that Serrano Reconveyance Company, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by THOMAS J. TITTLE A SINGLE MAN and LEON TITTLE A MARRIED MAN recorded on 01/06/1982 as Instrument No. 82-002602 in book - page of official records in the office of the County Recorder of SAN DIEGO County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 09/23/1996 in book - page, as Instrument No. 1996-0482263 of said official records, will sell on 02/03/1997 at THE FRONT STEPS OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 220 WEST BROADWAY SAN DIEGO, CA at 10:00 A.M. at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of

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Football: a little acorn that has become an immense oak tree

by Cynthia O'Neill

Though as much part of the recent holiday season as turkey and fixings, not many have ever taken the time to truly understand football. So as not to douse my dinner rolls in turkey gravy all by myself this past Thanksgiving, we decided to read up about the game's history so that we would have something to talk about at half-time.

What we found made me think about football in a whole new way.

The game formed into a social spectacle only after a long history rooted in modest beginnings. The sport of kicking around a ball has been in existence since the time of the cave man who enjoyed nudging a pebble along with his foot.

America's first residents also enjoyed some form of kick-

ing a ball around.

Halfway around the globe, in 14th Century England, King Edward II outlawed the game (which was to become soccer) after deeming it too violent. But that didn't keep rowdy neighborhood kids from starting impromptu games in their own courtyards. Over the next four centuries, officials constantly tried to forbid youngsters from indulging in the game.

The sons of the Englishmen who moved to America kept the game alive. Fall and winter, its designated seasons, coincided with the hog-slaughtering season, so the pig's bladder ended up as the best object to kick around. Modern day football, of course, still retains the general shape of the bladder.

American football took the strongest hold in the colleges. For the nation's first two centuries, the game symbolized an

annual "mash-rush," setting the freshmen against the sophomores. If some bold freshman dared to even touch the leather ball, the signal for a bloody free-for-all would be sounded. Members of both classes suffered broken noses and mauled bodies.

Then, suddenly, somebody would push the ball all the way through the ranks of one class or the other and the game was finished. Instantly, the young men, who had previously been nothing more than savages in the minds of observers, placed their arms across each other's shoulders and headed off in pursuit of ale. This type of ceremonial ritual occurred most frequently at Yale, Princeton and Harvard.

In the late 19th century, the game thrived to the point that, in 1893, Greensburg, Pennsylvania formed the first professional team. The men fought against and triumphed over some of their most bitter rivals, the Latrobe Pros also of Pennsylvania, in 1896. The newspaper editors of that era relished in the name-calling and never failed to humiliate the losers.

At about the same time, football players were beginning to receive salaries. Lawrence Fiscus joined the Greensburg team after starring as halfback for Princeton in 1891-92. He was also one of the first men who admitted he received a weekly check amounting to \$20. Fiscus imparted a gentle appearance, but he could play a mean game of football. His nickname was "The Sampson of Princeton."

Not until the 1930s did pro-

fessional players wear more than shinguards and padded trousers. Even when the Detroit Lions brutally battled against the Chicago Bears in 1935, the men were still per-

meat origin.

As national football matured, the otherwise obscure city of Green Bay found itself in the limelight, boasting a professional football franchise.



This old photo taken at the 1926 Rose Bowl Game between Alabama and Washington shows how the players lacked pads, used small leather helmets without face guards. Look at the expressions on the faces of the players - in that respect, nothing has changed in the 71 years since this was taken.

Sports Beat with Greg Eichelberger

Greetings friends. This is that ridiculous week before Super Sunday that shouldn't even exist in the first place! Whose idea was it to have the conference championships and the Super Bowl separated by two weeks? What Einstein thought of this concept? Two weeks of unbelievable hyperbole and assorted garbage building up to a game that is usually over in the first quarter. Pathetic.

And speaking of which, that's exactly how our Gulls played on Friday evening at home against the Bakersfield Fog (is fog a predominant atmospheric condition in Bakersfield, by the way?), losing 7-4 on two empty-net goals at the end of the contest, of all things, before a crowd of over 5,000 (including many from this area). The wacky thing is, they had just won three of four in Alaska last week, and scored nine goals in crushing the Reno Renegades two nights before. Still can't stop thinking about the team's bizarre, albeit untalented, mascot. Those large, fluffy bedroom moccasin-type feet instead of skates keep circling above me, haunting my every waking hour. And someone should inform the scoreboard operator that mountain is spelled m-o-u-n-t-i-a-n, not m-o-u-t-a-i-n. Just doing my bit to be grammatically-correct, folks.

As of Saturday, our boys prep b-ball teams looked liked this: Valhalla, 14-5; Mount Miguel, 6-10; Monte Vista, 5-13; and Santana, 4-10. The others were even worse. Sad, isn't it? On the girls' side, we have Santana at 15-3; El Capitan, 12-5; Valhalla, 10-9; Helix, 9-8; and Mount Miguel, 13-6. Not bad at all.

Our Aztec men, after falling two weeks ago to UNLV, pulled off victories over Air Force, Wyoming and Hawaii. Way to go, guys, but you still have to beat Utah and Fresno State ...

Here's my sports-movie review minute, brought to you by the good folks at Solomon-Friedman Advertising: "Beverly Hills Ninja" is about as funny as Dennis Rodman kicking someone in the crotch. Anyway, if we wanted to see a fat guy (Chris Farley) falling all over himself to attract a woman, we'll just watch home movies of my wedding. We give it 11/2 tons on our five-ton meter.

After a long discussion last week with Marv, the sports editor guru-type guy, we came to the conclusion that this guy knows his stuff, especially on the subject of UCLA football. Needless to say, we were amazed. Now, if he'll only spring for press credentials and the greenbacks required to cover the Bruins next season, then I'd be even more impressed.

Now that the Chargers have named former Jacksonville Jaguar offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride as their new head coach, the most important question is this: Will Forum Publications be given press credentials to the games next year or not?

Just finished attending a day at the second (of three) East County Baseball Camps, held at El Cap High School. Cleveland's Charles Nagy, among other Major Leaguers was on hand to help local kids learn the game. Vaquero coach Steve Vickery, quite pleased with our feature article on the first one in December, also loved the two photos (of Detroit's Tony Clark and White Sox's Tom Fordham, both East County products), saying that the "other, local, daily publication" showed "some guy stretching" with its (pitiful) story. Nothing wrong with tooting our own horns, eh? Especially considering that we really have only three "true" sportswriters who also take their own photos and write on other subjects, too.

The San Diego Padres are about to "turn Japanese" with their signing of Nipponese fireballer, Hideki Irabu. I'm happy if he can approach the success of his island nation counterpart, Hideo Nomo, but depressed that now 500 Japanese reporters will crowd the field and press box just to cover him. And no doubt they'll all receive credentials and preferential treatment, no questions asked.

I won't ask any questions, either, if you'd like to submit information to this worthy cause by calling 390-7103. If I don't hear from you, I'll just have to keep finding things to put in here all by myself. Have a heart, and a great sports week.

East County High Schools Sports Schedules (as available)

Tuesday, Jan. 21 - Tuesday, Jan. 28
(check with schools for times)

Tuesday - Varsity Soccer: Girls (boys reverse locations). Granite Hills at Monte Vista, Helix at Mount Miguel, El Cajon Valley at El Capitan, West Hills at Santana. Girls Waterpolo: Granite Hills at Grossmont.

Thursday - Wrestling: Monte Vista at Mount Miguel, Valhalla at Granite Hills, El Cajon Valley at West Hills, Grossmont at Santana, El Capitan at Helix. Varsity Soccer (added date): Girls (boys reverse locations). Mount Miguel at Monte Vista, Valhalla at Granite Hills, El Cajon Valley at West Hills, El Capitan at Grossmont.

Friday, Saturday - Girls Waterpolo: League tournament at Valhalla.

Friday - Varsity Basketball: Boys (girls play preliminary at same sites, JVs at opposing sites). Santana at West Hills, El Capitan at Grossmont, Monte Vista at El Cajon Valley, Granite Hills at Mount Miguel, Helix at Valhalla.

Tuesday (1/28) - Varsity Basketball: Boys (Girls at opposing sites, JVs play preliminaries). Granite Hills at Mount Miguel, Helix at Valhalla, Monte Vista at El Cajon Valley, Santana at West Hills, El Capitan at Grossmont. Varsity Soccer: Girls (Boys at opposing sites). Mount Miguel at Valhalla, Monte Vista at Helix, Grossmont at West Hills, Santana at El Cajon Valley.

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